

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: USE OF AN ULTRASONIC TRANSDUCER FOR ECHOGRAPHIC  
EXPLORATION OF HUMAN OR ANIMAL BODY TISSUES OR  
ORGANS IN PARTICULAR OF THE EYEBALL POSTERIOR SEGMENT

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**SUBMISSION OF SMALL ENTITY DECLARATION  
AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a verified statement claiming small entity status in connection with the subject application.

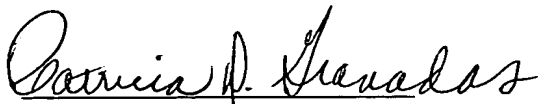
The first fee in this application was paid on June 19, 2000 in the amount of \$1,100.00 established for a non-small entity. Therefore, Applicant is entitled to a 50% refund of said fee, consistent with the Notice of the Acting Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of February 15, 1983 1027 OG 115).

The Patent and Trademark Office is accordingly requested to make a refund in the form of a check in the amount of \$550.00 forwarded to the undersigned at the address indicated below. This paper is being submitted in duplicate for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

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# DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: The use of an

ultrasound transducer for echographic exploration of tissues or organs of  
the human or animal body, in particular of the posterior segment of the eyeball  
 the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked.

☒ was filed on 18 december 1998 as ~~United States Application Number~~ or PCT International Application Number PCT/FR98/02788 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

## PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

NUMBER	COUNTRY	DAY/MONTH/YEAR FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED
97 16071	FRANCE	18 December 1997	YES

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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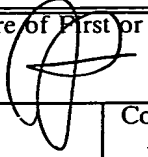
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known by me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS: PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED
PCT/FR98/02788	18 December 1998	Pending

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b)) — INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled the use of an ultrasound transducer for echographic described in exploration of tissues or organs of the human or animal body, in particular of the posterior segment of the eyeball.

- ☐ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
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I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

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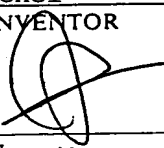
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28 (b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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